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Status		,				
1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 13 Ju	lv 2007					
	action is non-final.					
·=	Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is					
	closed in accordance with the practice under <i>Ex parte Quayle</i> , 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.					
Disposition of Claims						
4)⊠ Claim(s) <u>1-17</u> is/are pending in the application.						
4a) Of the above claim(s) <u>1-14</u> is/are withdrawn	from consideration					
5) Claim(s) is/are allowed.	nom consideration.					
6)⊠ Claim(s) <u>15-17</u> is/are rejected.						
7) Claim(s) is/are objected to.	•	•				
8) Claim(s) are subject to restriction and/or	e election requirement					
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Application Papers						
9) The specification is objected to by the Examine	r.	•				
10)⊠ The drawing(s) filed on 20 July 2005 is/are: a)[oxtimes accepted or b) $igsquare$ objected to b	y the Examiner.				
Applicant may not request that any objection to the	drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See	e 37 CFR 1.85(a).				
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correcti	on is required if the drawing(s) is obj	ected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).				
11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Ex	aminer. Note the attached Office	Action or form PTO-152.				
Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119	•					
12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign	priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)	-(d) or (f).				
a)⊠ All b)□ Some * c)□ None of:		*				
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.						
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No						
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage						
application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).						
* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.						
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Attachment(s) 1) Notice of References Cited (RTO 893) 4) Integrious Summary (RTO 413)						
1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s)/Mail Date.						
3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08) 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application						
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DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

- Applicant's election without traverse of Group III, claims 15-17 in the reply filed on 13
 July 2007 is acknowledged.
- 2. Claims 1-14 are withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b) as being drawn to nonelected inventions, there being no allowable generic or linking claim.

 Election was made **without** traverse in the reply filed on 13 July 2007.

Specification

3. Applicant is reminded of the proper language and format for an abstract of the disclosure.

The abstract should be in narrative form and generally limited to a single paragraph on a separate sheet <u>within the range of 50 to 150 words</u>. It is important that the abstract not exceed 150 words in length since the space provided for the abstract on the computer tape used by the printer is limited. The form and legal phraseology often used in patent claims, such as "means" and "said," should be avoided. The abstract should describe the disclosure sufficiently to assist readers in deciding whether there is a need for consulting the full patent text for details.

The language should be clear and concise and should not repeat information given in the title. It should avoid using phrases which can be implied, such as, "The disclosure concerns," "The disclosure defined by this invention," "The disclosure describes," etc.

4. A substitute specification excluding the claims is required pursuant to 37 CFR 1.125(a) because as filed, the specification is replete with grammatical errors and reads awkwardly.

A substitute specification must not contain new matter. The substitute specification must be submitted with markings showing all the changes relative to the immediate prior version of the specification of record. The text of any added subject matter must be shown by underlining the added text. The text of any deleted matter must be shown by strike-through except that double brackets placed before and after the deleted characters may be used to show deletion of five or fewer consecutive characters. The text of any deleted subject matter must be shown by

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being placed within double brackets if strike-through cannot be easily perceived. An accompanying clean version (without markings) and a statement that the substitute specification contains no new matter must also be supplied. Numbering the paragraphs of the specification of record is not considered a change that must be shown.

5. A substitute specification in proper idiomatic English and in compliance with 37 CFR 1.52(a) and (b) is required. The substitute specification filed must be accompanied by a statement that it contains no new matter.

Claim Objections

6. Claim 15 is objected to because of the following informalities: the phrases "a inclined" and "a adjustable" are incorrect. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

- 7. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

 The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.
- 8. Claims 15-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

In regards to claim 15, it is unclear what is meant by the unknown terms "ever roller", "brambly roller", "chambers are through", "subsiding room".

In regards to claim 15, it is unclear what is meant by the unknown term "port is bar sharp".

In regards to claim 17, it is unclear what is meant by the unknown term "inhaling chambers".

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Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

- (b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.
- 3. Claims 15-17, as best understood, are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Pinto (2002/0004970).

Pinto teaches a device comprising a raw material tank (feed chute), feeding conveyor belt (50), inclined feeding belt (42), multiple rollers (20, 26), and suction rollers (46).

Conclusion

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Pinto (20020446792), Rubenach (20020026688), Pinto (H002105), Staples et al (6317932), and Gerard (5873150) all teach what is well known in the art.

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Shaun R. Hurley whose telephone number is (571) 272-4986. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon - Fri, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gary Welch can be reached on (571) 272-4996. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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